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Welcome

Congratulations on your selection to the 2009 ODP pool.

We will be providing you with opportunities to challenge yourself through conditioning, training, and playing. The chance to play outside your school and club teams will enable you to test your adaptation and flexibility in a competitive environment.

As our coaching staff and player pool has continued to become more competitive, increased player commitment will be required. Advancement in the program will depend on skill, attendance, training mentality and overall attitude. Your hard work in the next few months will allow you to represent our state at a regional level in a prestigious program.

Olympic Development Program Overview

The Olympic Development Program is a national program for identifying and developing the best youth soccer players. ODP teams are formed at the state association and regional levels, made up of the best players in various age groups. Pools of players are identified in each eligible age group and brought together as a team to develop their skill through training and competition. From the state pools and subsequent teams, players are identified for regional and national pools and teams.

The stated goals of the National ODP program are:

- To identify a pool of players in each age group from which a United States National Team will be selected for international competition.
- To provide high level training to benefit and enhance the development of players at all levels.
- Through the use of carefully selected licensed coaches, develop a mechanism for the enhancement of ideas and curriculum to improve all levels of coaching.

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In support of these national goals, the Delaware ODP program strives to give each and every Delaware player an opportunity to participate in the statewide ODP program. It is the express goal of the state program to:

- Identify the best players at each age level,
- Provide the best training possible in order to move players to the next level, and
- Provide them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills at the state and regional levels in a variety of different events as well as provide them the opportunity to be showcased for college coaching staff.

While it is ultimately the goal of the state program to have our state players represented in the regional pools and teams, this is by no means the exclusive goal of the DE ODP program. Equally important is our goal to provide exceptional training to all our state



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players and move these players to the next level in terms of both their skill set and competitive level. To this end, the DE ODP program strives to provide experienced coaching staff to its players, many of whom have extensive college level play and coaching experience. Commitment, diligence, preparedness, good attitudes and behavior are as important in this development process as soccer skill and know-how are.

Each player and parent should understand that part of the ODP experience is not only the development of new and improved soccer skills but participation in a broad range of experiences contributing to the players emotional, maturational, and social development as well. The player will have the opportunity to meet highly skilled players from states throughout the Northeast. It is important for both the player and parent to realize that competition at the regional level is very tough and that not making the regional pool is not a negative. Helping your player to establish appropriate goals for his/her ODP experience is an important part of helping your player get everything out of this exciting opportunity.

Selection for ODP State Pools/Teams

Selection for ODP state pools at each age level is a two-stage process. The first step is a series of two tryouts for each age group. Players are encouraged to attend each of these tryout sessions to provide the player as much exposure to the evaluator and coaching staffs as possible.

The State Director of Coaching selects a pool of evaluators who are responsible for assessing the performance of each player during the course of a two-hour tryout period on each of the two tryout dates. The following are some of the important criteria that the ODP coaching and evaluator staff are assessing in each player during tryouts—speed, agility, physical fitness, ball skills, team performance, performance under pressure, tactical and strategic understanding of the game, coachability, and good player attitude.

In addition to the normal tryout process outlined above, ODP coaching staff often scouts league and high school games to identify potential talent in players who have been unable to attend the ODP tryouts in the fall. Coaches have until May 1st, 2010 to make final pool selections and ultimately finalize team rosters. This identification and selection process is in keeping with the state ODP goals of identifying the most talented players in the state and allowing them the opportunity to participate in higher levels of competitive soccer.

Attendance

All Olympic Development Program players are expected to take their commitment seriously. Players are expected to be punctual, attend practices and events, and participate with a positive attitude, intensity and passion. Poor attendance, attitude and punctuality will be a factor in final roster selections. Your hard work will allow you to represent our state at the regional level where you will be exposed to new coaching staff, soccer players and great experiences.



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It will be your responsibility to follow the rules of the ODP program and the Code of Conduct signed by every player. We cannot stress enough the importance of good attitude, commitment and drive in advancing in the program and at the regional and possibly national levels. Players who do not abide by the code of conduct signed at the beginning of the program are subject to dismissal from the pool, at the exclusive discretion of the ODP Director of Coaching, the State Director of Coaching and ODP Administrator.

In case of inclement weather, please check the Delaware ODP web site (www.dysa.org) after noon the day of practice for an update on practice schedules. This includes cancellations due to wet field conditions or stormy weather forecasts.

Program Fees

The total cost of the program for the 2009 ODP year is \$875. Uniforms are not included in this fee. If you did not purchase a uniform last year you will be required to do so this year. Uniform Kit fees for field players will be \$75.00, which includes Jersey, Training T-shirt, 2 pair of socks and one pair of shorts. Custom Goalkeeper uniform Kits are \$92.50, which includes Jersey, Training T-shirt, 2 pair of socks and one pair of shorts. The \$875.00 break down is as follows: the first \$25 is due at tryouts and is non-refundable regardless of whether the player is selected for the pool or state team. The second payment of \$250.00 is due at Registration of ODP pool players. The third payment of \$250.00 will be due February 1, 2010 and the final payment of \$350.00 is due April 1, 2010. This program runs as a self-sufficient program meaning the ODP program must cover all of its expenses based on fees charged. Besides state costs, we are subject to the costs associated with the program at the Region 1 level - e.g. - cost of the ODP tournament at Rider and the cost of camp during the summer. US Youth Soccer Region 1 sets fees for Regional Camp and the Delaware ODP Administrative staff sets fees for the state program annually.

(New Uniform Purchases for all players are scheduled again in 2011)

New This Year –

For the 93 & 94 Age groups for both boys and girls, we are offering the following: If a player chooses not to attend the Region I ODP Camp in July due to already scheduled College Camps they will not be obligated to pay the \$350.00 due on April 1, 2010. But if a player from this age group chooses to attend camp, we need the \$350.00 payment no later than April 1, 2010. If this payment is not made we will assume that the player has chosen not to attend camp and will be removed from the camp roster and **will not be allowed to be added at a later date**. Also, depending on the numbers attending camp for the 93 & 94 Girls, transportation to and from camp will not be provided.

Recognizing that tuition for the program may be difficult for some parents we are happy to work out payment schedules with any parent who feels that this would help them more readily afford the program and ensure their player's participation. In order to establish a payment schedule for the program, please contact the ODP Administrator, Mary Ann McKenna by email at ODP@dysa.org. Please DO NOT wait until May to make these arrangements as this could affect your players participation.



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Scholarships

It is our intent to try and have as many players as possible involved in the program and while we have only limited funds available for scholarships, we strive to see to it that any player selected for a state team is not precluded from participation for financial reasons. Of course, because of limited funds, we are not always successful. Thus, a limited amount of scholarship funds are available to players where there is a demonstrated financial need. Application forms and information are available upon request or by download from the Delaware ODP web site at www.dysa.org. All scholarship request forms will be kept confidential and are due by January 1st, 2010. Scholarship applicants should work aggressively to raise sponsorship funds as described below to help defray ODP tuition costs.

Sponsorships

Players are encouraged to seek individual and/or corporate sponsorships to help defray the costs of their participation in the Olympic Development Program. Sponsors will receive recognition in the next issue of the Delaware Youth Soccer Association Newsletter and on the Delaware ODP web site. Contributions are tax deductible. All completed sponsorship forms are due by March 15th, 2010. These forms and suggested sponsorship letters are available at the ODP link at www.dysa.org.

Refund Policy

Fees for ODP events are non-refundable. Any player who is selected as a member of a final state team will be expected to attend the regional event in his/her respective age group. Any player, who decides not to attend their regional event after they are selected to the final state team, and does not have official documentation of a medical hardship, may be subject to a fine. Refund and non-payment policies are as follows:

- **NO REFUNDS OF TRYOUT FEES OR ANY PORTION OF THE \$850 TUITION PAYMENT.** It is assumed that if a player chooses to participate in the program, they will be participating in ALL aspects of the program.
- Medical Hardship—refunds for season-ending injuries/illnesses will be considered after 5/15/10. These refunds will be partial refunds of the third payment only.
- **DYSA player cards will be withheld in the event of non-payment and players will not be rostered for the upcoming ODP year until payment is made in full.**

Staff

The Olympic Development Program (ODP) is under the direction of State Coach, John Cappiello. Coach Cappy.....In addition, the Delaware ODP program takes great pride in the fact that coaches at each age group have college soccer experience and they are



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all tasked with preparing our players not only for their ODP experience but for competition at the college level as well. Finally, we have successfully executed a goalkeeper training program as part of the ODP program with separate weekly training sessions exclusively for keepers who then go on to practice with their ODP teams.

2009/2010 Seasonal Year Calendar of Events – Tentative – Subject to Change

2010 Events		
December 1, 2009	Parents and Player Meeting	Del Tech
December 1, 2009	First Payment due of 250.00	
January 23, 2010	Winter Training All Girls Age Groups	TBD
January 30, 2010	Winter Training All Boys Age Groups	TBD
February 1, 2010	Second Payment due of 250.00	
February 19-21, 2010	VYSA Friendlies – 97/98, 96, 95, 94 Girls & Boys & 93 Boys	Virginia Beach, VA
March 7 & 8	Spring Training Starts – Girls Sunday, Boys Monday	Shutte Park
March 14, 2010	Mini Camp – Girls All Ages	TBD
March 27, 2010	Mini Camp – Boys All Ages	Shutte Park
April 11, 2010	U12 Development Mini Camp	Archmere Academy, Claymont DE
April 1, 2010	Third Payment due of 350.00	
April 17	Kicks for Breast Cancer Tournament – 93 & 94 Girls combined	Soccer Complex MD
June 11 - 13, 2010	Region I ODP Tournament Age Groups: 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992	Mercer County, NJ
June 18-20	ODP Tournament Semi and Final Matches 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992	Kirkwood Soccer Complex, DE
July 8 - 11	Camp 1 – Girls - Age Groups: 1991-1992, 1993	University of Rhode Island
July 8 - 12	Camp 2 – Girls - Age Groups: 1994 & 1995	University of Rhode Island
July 12-16	Camp 3 – Girls - Age Groups: 1996 & 1997	University of Rhode Island
July-August	National Camp for Girls - 1996 Age Group	CA
July 10-13	Camp 1 for Boys 1998, 1997 Age Groups	Rider University, NJ
July 14-17	Camp 2 for Boys 1996 and 1995 Age Groups	Rider University, NJ
July 14-17	Camp 3 for Boys 1994 and 1993 Age Groups	Kutztown University, PA
July 18-22	ODP Call Back Camp for Boys 1997 Age Group	Kutztown University, PA
July 25-29	ODP Call Back Camp for Boys 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993 Age Groups (Camp Lodging will be at Fitchburg State College)	Progin Park, Lancaster, MA
August 1-8	National Camp (Development) for Boys 1996 Age Group	Middlesex Academy



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Player Forms

Every player selected to an ODP pool must complete and return the Player Packet to your team manager during the initial player/parent meeting. In any event, this player packet must be to the team managers no later than the first date of practice. The Player Packet consists of the following forms:

1. ODP Player Code of Conduct
2. ODP Medical Release Form
3. ODP Medical History Form
4. ODP Player Profile Form

We look forward to your continued support of the ODP Program and we wish each of you the very best as you advance in your skill and playing development. Do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do to help make your ODP experience a more productive and memorable one!

Again, congratulations!

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